

The Daily Argus.

Friday, December 27, 1872.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The country will speedily see how sincerely Congress are in favor of Civil Service reform. A bill will soon be reported to give legal effect to the rules and regulations already nominally adopted, and the fate of the measure will show how much honest to do in urging it forward. The measure is violently assailed by several leading members of the majority. Mr. Swap, of this State, a Grant M. C., has snapp'd his peice at it. Now let us see Mr. Hawley had out his ordinance and take a turn at it. If the Rock Island post master won't resign and is able to answer the questions put to him in the three R's—reading, writing, and arithmetic, what will become of Mr. Hawley's promise, made before election, to turn out the Rock Island postmaster, this winter?

A BALLY ROUND THE FLAG.

The Hale resolution forbidding the use of the names of battles fought during the civil war from the army register and regimental colors, having passed the House, will soon come before the Senate, and then says the St. Louis *P. & G.*, look out for a long roll of genuine sheet-iron thunder, accompanied by a liberal supply of torpedoes and Roman candles. The object of this resolution is not merely to draw Senator's fire, but to afford several interested patriotic orators an opportunity to air their eloquence and lay the same as a cheap offering upon the altar of popular humbug.

Logan of Illinois is annoyed as the principal speaker on this important occasion, and a better selection could not, by any possibility, have been made. Logan has sent the brave American eagle on longer and loftier flights than any other man living or dead; he knows more about the American flag than old Bunting himself, and like the renowned Kirby of the Bowery theatre, "can wrap himself up in the stars and stripes, fire off two pistol shots, and die the death of a hero," to the satisfaction of pit and gallery. Therefore when Logan mounts his favorite hobby, the Senate and the country may expect to be astonished. Such rhetorical ground and lofty talk, such melodious massacre of the King of England, such fervent "wreaking" of thoughts upon expression, such damnable iteration of one idea in a thousand and different shapes, cannot fail to mark us in the forefathers of Congress. We only wish Osgood were already in his seat, and prepared to share in the debate. Next to Logan he can do the flag-trance business better than anybody else; and when Logan and Osgood finished their efforts, every star in our national banner would wish approvingly, and every stripe would wish it had won over the backs of the gallant defenders of red, white and blue. But, mankind fate deprivés us of Osgood's trumpet, we wait in delicious anxiety for the sweet strains of Logan's famous bugle.

Major Garrison, of Boston, Democrat, recently announced, however, has been elected by his constituents to represent the rates and his opponent, Henry L. Pierce, declared to have a majority. Now if there is a contest over this, does any one expect that a battalion of federal soldiers will be called in to settle it, or will it be tried in the State courts? Why should a different rule exist in Boston than in New Orleans? To do what the right is, to the extent of one's power, is the truest of all commandments? Will Grant order his artillery to seize the City Hall and install the Boston Alderman? Why not, since he has done the same thing in New Orleans? Perhaps some of the organs can assign a reason why it was more proper to use the arm in one place than the other. Let us have it.—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

They will not answer you, for the reason that the rule they have established, to keep in power, in Louisiana, if applied to Arkansas, would put them out of power there. The idea of a general rule, applicable to all places alike, is not set down or even dreamt of in Mr. Grant's philosophy.

Hon. Wm. E. Robinson, of Brooklyn, N. Y. the eloquent Irish ex-Congressman, sometimes called "Richiehead Robinson," in a recent speech, pays a most delicate tribute to Mr. Greeley, with regard to his purity of life. He says: "In thirty years of pretty intimate acquaintance I never heard him use a word that would bring the slightest flush of crimson to the purest cheek that womanhood ever unveiled to society. I do not believe he ever told, or could be induced to listen to a vulgar story. And this almost superhuman purity of character is perhaps what has made him a favorite among talented and refined women."

Much study is now given to American affairs by the conductors of English journals, and the fruits of their investigations into the intricacies of our Constitution are rich. Thus in an article in the London *Telegraph* of December 2d we find the following startling statement:

"On Wednesday next, had Mr. Greeley been elected, he would have been formally installed President by the vote of Congress at Washington. As it is, he has not lived to see the inauguration of General Grant's second term."

An Egg-Nog War.

What has Baltimore done to deserve such an infliction of punishment as the Hon. Schuyler Colfax preaching violent temperance at one end of the city, and Hon. Henry Wilson doing the same thing at the same time, at the other end? And yet this is a scourge to which Baltimore is not subject. The attack was principally aimed at the great body of the cheering parties of Christmas. We would have thought that a bareless a cordial as egg-nog could cause such an invasion of old time Christmas usages? The large bowls of frothy drinks which grace the counters of bars—now on Christmas day seem to excite the ire of the big guns, and the little Christian associations and cold water weakness of Baltimore. They do not intend to carry the war into private parlors and shake the poor fellows who have no homes or families of all their Christmas joys. A tree drink of egg-nog to them is a great even to be remembered through many a weary laboring day. They would have no Christmas at all without it. Turkey is nothing to them, because there is no free turkey. The art of egg-nog is everything, because it is free. It constitutes the whole Christmas frolic of many, and is the very blossom of the year.—*Saint Louis Republican*.

15 Away Seven Years.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has rendered a decision in favor of certain husbands and others who absent themselves from home will do well to read.

After seven years has elapsed without intelligence of one who has absented himself from his family, the presumption of his death arises, and if no other evidence is introduced at that point, the court should proceed on the presumption of his death without submitting the question to the jury.—*Milwaukee Wisconsin.*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

"FOR WAYSTRADE AND TRADES THAT ARE DARK." Is that so? Is the "bottom Chin" so? This is doubtless true. But these features are also apparent within the ranks of the American people. We would suggest these unfortunate persons who have been in the "ways that are dark, or who have been in the "bottom Chin" to seek help where there is help for them. Dr. E. J. Reynolds, of Rochester, the great friend to either humanity, is here to furnish the proper and speedy relief and cure. The advertisement of Dr. Reynolds will be found in this paper, and from his great success in the branches of the profession to whom he has dedicated so many years of his life, he is very generally consulted.

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